

in Wales, he went into a strange charge and it was only when the services commenced that he found it was in a foreign tongue, and speaking about the preacher, he said: "I did not understand what he said, but he turned some stuff over." (Applause). Well, I had a similar feeling in listening to Mr. Fraser. I could not understand what he said, but I have no doubt he turned over some material of the same musical and mystic quality.

The task that I have to perform very briefly is to present the congratulations of the Senate and Trustees of Queen's University on this happy occasion. Dr. Carmichael is, I believe, in a two-fold sense a graduate of Queen's University, and he also served for a number of years in a professional capacity. Dr. Carmichael was splendidly equipped for any position he might wish to assume, either that of teacher or in the direction in which he chose his life work. And speaking from my own personal experience, I may say that when a man passes from the pastorate to the professorship, that is when he gives up pastoral work altogether, there is for a long time a deep sense of loss, caused by the cessation of intimate fellowship with his people. There is nothing more sacred than the relationship of a Minister to his people. A man who not only has the privilege of preaching to them on the Sabbath day, but is with them in sickness and sorrow, as well as in their hours of success and joy, there is nothing deeper, nobler, more elevating than that, and the professor who will do his duty in other directions is cut off very largely from that.

I have very much pleasure in congratulating Dr. Carmichael after having completed fifty years of such noble service. From the tone of the addresses we have had, the congregation that has come under Dr. Carmichael's influence have appreciated fully the noble work he has always tried to do for them. Beecher once said that the explanation of short pastorates was "the mercy of God on the congregation." I would like to say here that I think if the people who are clamoring for a lower standard of ministerial education have their way, we will not be fulfilling the practical needs of the country, and in addition we are deliberately lowering the standard of studentship and scholarship of the